



# Safety Bulletin

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## ATTENTION

## Lawnmower Safety



### Tips

- Read the operator's manual, and know how to operate the machine properly.
- Don't disable or bypass safety devices.
- Read all equipment warning labels.
- Protect yourself and others against thrown objects by clearing the work area of rocks, sticks or any other materials that could become a missile if struck by the mower blades.
- Keep the discharge chute guard or grass catcher in place at all times.
- Keep bystanders, especially children, away from the mowing area.
- Keep hands and feet away from the mower blades while it is running. If the discharge chute clogs or the grass catcher is full, stop the engine before attempting to clear the clog or empty the grass catcher.
- Never leave a running mower unattended.
- Stop the engine before adjusting the wheels of the mower.
- Mow in a forward direction whenever possible.
- Do not walk backwards while pulling the mower toward you. If you trip, the mower could end up on top of your feet or legs.
- Mow across the slope of hillsides. Do not mow up and down the slope.
- To ensure good footing, wait until the grass is dry before mowing.
- Handle fuel safely. Before refueling, stop the engine and allow it to cool. Wipe up spilled fuel or allow it to evaporate before starting the engine. Fuel should be stored in an authorized storage container.
- Never refuel gasoline-powered equipment indoors.

